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JOINED.
Pte H. E. Spencer, having joined is allotted Corps No. 2036 and posted to Centre Section M.G. Co.

RETIRED.
Sergeant W. M. Sutherland is permitted to resign with effect from 3. 11. 16.

LEAVE.
Lieutenant J. D. Danby is granted 3 weeks' leave from 10. 11. 16.

PARADES.
Monday 13th inst.—8.10 p.m. Centre Section M.G. Co. M.G. Drill at Kowloon Dock Hongkong residents proceed by launch from Statue Wharf at 4.30 p.m.
5.15 p.m. Left Section M.G. Co. and Civil Service Company section drill at Headquarters. Right Section M.G. Co. section drill on Murray Parade ground. Scouts Company platoon drill on Cricket Ground. Recruits of all units on Murray Parade ground under Capt. Grimes.

Tuesday—14th inst.—8.15 p.m. Strathmore Battery Section at Head Club Stables.
5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "A" and "B" classes at R.A. Theatre.
Wednesday 15th inst.—8.15 p.m. Engineer Company (Taikoo Dock) section drill at Taikoo Dock.
Friday 17th inst.—8.15 p.m. Recruits of all units at Headquarters C.S.M. Mitchell and Corp. Grimes will attend. 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "A" and "B" classes at R.A. Theatre. Artillery Battery troops R.A. gun drill at Gun Club Hill. Sergeant Bradley will attend. Hongkong residents parade at Star Ferry Wharf R.A. 9 p.m.
Saturday 18th inst.—8.30 p.m. Trained Men Scouts Company, Musketry Standard Test on King's Park Range. (Each man to bring 20 rounds.) Range Officer Lieut. Murphy. Officer i/c Butts Captain Preston.

Sunday 19th inst.—9 p.m. Trained Men Scouts Company, Musketry Standard Test on King's Park Range. (Each man to bring 20 rounds.) Range Officer Lieut. Murphy. Officer i/c Butts Captain Preston.

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On duty 18th inst.—Right Section M.G. Co.
On duty 14th, 15th and 16th inst.—Scouts Company.
On duty 17th inst.—Belchers Section.
On duty 18th inst.—Civil Service Company.
Orderly Officer from 15th to 18th inst.—Lieut. Lindsay.

NOTICES.
All Members interested in rifle shooting are requested to attend a meeting at Headquarters on Monday 13th Nov. at 8.30 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Committee and Secretary to carry out arrangements in connection with the Corps Team for the Hongkong Rifle League Competitions.
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THE "ARABIA" OUTRAGE.

251 PERSONS TRANSFERRED FROM SHIP IN 20 MINUTES.

LONDON, Nov. 9. The Naval authorities pay a tribute to the discipline on the Arabia, which enabled the passengers and crew to be rescued.

Some of the passengers have arrived at Malta, others are expected at Marseilles very shortly. Further batches are arriving at Egypt.

The great majority are Australians, including some nurses.

The P. & O. Company has taken measures for the comfort of the passengers and has arranged for accommodation, clothes, and money. The Company has also arranged to collect the passengers at Marseilles as early as possible.

It is believed that the passengers were not taken out of the water, but that the rescue ships were able to get alongside the sinking ship in ample time, so that the passengers were rescued from the ship's boats.

The P. & O. Co. intends to replace the ship on the run, and so maintain the service without interruption.

The cargo was valuable. It is believed that it included wool, wheat, and a little lead from Australia, silk from China, tin and rubber from Singapore, and pearls from Bombay.

Comparatively little loss falls on the London Insurance market, as a large amount of the cargo was insured by the State.

LATER.

The P. & O. Co. states that 198 of the Arabia's passengers have landed at Malta and 84 at Port Said. Others are expected at Malta to-day.

Despite bad weather the passengers and crew, numbering 721, were safely transferred to the ship's boats within twenty minutes of the torpedoing of the ship. The discipline was excellent. The Company is giving every assistance to passengers, who will be brought to London as speedily as possible.

THE ALLIES' DEMANDS ON GREECE.

BOURSE REFLECTS PUBLIC ANXIETY.

ATHENS, Nov. 9.

The King and Cabinet are deliberating on the new demands of the Allies, including the handing over of the Naval munitions, breech locks and other accessories of the ship's guns.

The public is anxious and there has been a heavy fall on the Bourse.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

PARIS, Nov. 9.

A communiqué states: There has been great reciprocal artillery firing in the Somme region and nervous German infantry asked for many batteries (sic).

A German attack at Sailly was driven back after brief hand-to-hand fighting.

There was calm elsewhere.

BRITISH GAS ATTACK.

LONDON, Nov. 9.

Sir Douglas Haig reports: We discharged gas east of Arras and bombed the enemy's trench line.

WHOLESALE DEPORTATIONS FROM ANTWERP.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 9.

The Telegram states that the Germans have deported 5,000 people from Antwerp. Many who attempted to escape were arrested, but a few reached Holland.

LORD LUCAS, R.F.C., MISSING.

LONDON, Nov. 9.

Lord Lucas, formerly a member of the Cabinet, who has been serving at the front as an airman, is reported missing.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE SINKING OF THE "ARABIA." ALL THE MAILS LOST.

LONDON, Nov. 9. The Post Office states that as far as at present known all the mails on the Arabia have been lost.

The Arabia carried mails from Australia, Ceylon, India, Aden, Straits Settlements, Egypt, China, Hongkong; perhaps also British East Africa, Zanzibar, Seychelles, and Mauritius. There were also parcel mails from most of the places mentioned.

STRONG DESIRE FOR PEACE IN GERMANY.

IT IS REALISED THAT "VICTORY IS IMPOSSIBLE."

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.

A correspondent of the New York World who has just returned from Germany, says in a long story on Germany's aims in the war, that there is a strong desire for peace in Germany, but no belief that it is near. It is realised that victory is impossible; complete defeat is thinkable; but compromise is possible if Russia can be induced to accede from the Allies. Germany dreams of an alliance with Russia and Japan. She regards England as the chief obstacle to peace. Germany insists on her right to expand, she clings to Belgium, which she regards as a weak point on her flank. It is noteworthy, says the writer, that in the past eighteen months eleven neutrals have questioned Germany regarding the future of Belgium, and not once in her replies has Germany given an assurance that the sovereignty of that country would be restored. Germany refuses to give Alsace and Lorraine to France.

The correspondent believes, on the strength of statements by the greatest men only, that before long agitation for a responsible Government will break out, but the Hohenzollerns will not be dethroned. In such a change lies the greatest hope of peace.

SALE OF ENEMY PROPERTIES IN THE COLONIES.

LIVELY DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, Nov. 9. A lively debate took place in the Commons on the Government's refusal to confine to British subjects the impending sale of enemy properties in Nigeria and exclude neutrals.

Mr. Leslie-Scott moved that enemy properties in the Colonies should be sold only to natural born Britons and to Companies that were wholly British.

Mr. Steel-Maitland explained that since the war started there had been a combine of British firms in Nigeria, which had enormously raised the price of palm kernels at Liverpool and lowered the price paid to natives for the sale. Strengthening the monopoly would be most detrimental to the natives and the development of the Colony. By the safeguards proposed British interests could be adequately strengthened.

The debate, as it proceeded revealed much opposition to the Government's attitude on the part of both Liberals and Unionists.

Sir Edward Carson delivered an especially strong condemnatory speech, in which he said that the sale to neutrals would mean the reversion of the properties to Germans after the war.

Mr. Bonar Law declared that Sir Edward Carson had practically moved a vote of want of confidence in the Government. He rebuked the violence of his language, which was not in accord with the seriousness of the country's situation. He ridiculed Sir Edward Carson's rhetoric.

Sir Edward Carson—Think of the message we are sending to the traitors! Mr. Bonar Law—Think of our brothers-in-arms in France and imagine our saying to them—"We inexpressibly admire your deeds of war, but we tell you that no Frenchman will be allowed to bid for property controlled by us."

The French West Africa Company had announced its intention of competing for these properties. If the Government followed the course suggested by Sir Edward Carson the French Government would ask us what we meant, and there would be an outcry in the country, in which Sir Edward Carson would probably be loudest in condemnation. He added that the resolution would render the worst possible service to the prospect of any sane system of Imperial trade after the war.

Mr. Leslie-Scott's motion was rejected by 117 voting for and 231 against. Forty seven Nationalists voted against the Government.

THE GERMAN WAR ON MERCHANT SHIPPING.

LONDON, Nov. 9. The latest sinkings announced are: The steamers Reine and Furland, both Norwegian. The crew of the Furland have been saved.

BECHSTEINS AND SANATOGEN BUSINESSES SOLD.

LONDON, Nov. 9. The enemy business, Bechsteins piano-makers, including extensive West End premises, concert hall and stock, has been sold by auction, and has realised 255,500 sterling.

Lord Rhodes and a group have privately acquired the enemy concern, Sanatogen.

LANGLISHIRE WEAVERS' WAGES.

LONDON, Nov. 9. The master weavers of Lancashire have refused the offer of a 10 per cent. increase in wages.

BRITISH VESSELS TRANSFERRED TO NEUTRALS.

LONDON, Nov. 9. Mr. Pretyman states that since the war began 353 British vessels of 477,855 tonnage have been transferred to neutrals, of which 344,085 tonnage was sold before Government control became operative on 12th February, 1915.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT IN FRANCE.

PARIS, Nov. 8. President Poincaré has entertained the Duke of Connaught to lunch.

COALITION GOVERNMENT FOR NEW SOUTH WALES.

SYDNEY, Nov. 9. It is understood that the formation of a Coalition Government in New South Wales has been arranged. Mr. Durack, leader of the New Labour Party, moved a vote of censure on the Government in the Assembly, and Mr. Holman, in reply, said he refused to submit to the infamous tyranny of the Labour Executive. He would throw in his lot with the National Party, which was free of degrading littleness and machine-made tyranny.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, Nov. 9. Unemployment is growing in Australia. Several factories have been closed in Victoria and thousands are unemployed.

THE SUEZ CANAL ROUTE.

DUTCH STEAMERS TO AGAIN COME VIA SUEZ.

MELBOURNE, Nov. 9. The Nieuwland states that the steamship service from Rotterdam to Java will be resumed via the Suez Canal. The first steamer, Kora, will leave Rotterdam on the 17th inst.

P. & O. DIVIDEND.

18 PER CENT. FOR THE YEAR. LONDON, Nov. 9. The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Dividend on Deferred Stock is 5 per cent. for the half year together with a bonus of 6 per cent., making a total distribution of 18 per cent. for the year. Both dividend and bonus are tax free.

MR. HENDERSON TO BE PENSIONS MINISTER.

LONDON, Nov. 9. In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith announced that Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P., would be the new Pensions Minister, and that legislation dealing with Pensions would shortly be introduced.

FAMOUS GENERALS MEET.

JOFFRE AND CARDONA. PARIS, Nov. 9. Generals Joffre and Cardona have met on the Franco-Italian border.

DOUBLE INCOME TAX.

AUSTRALIAN MERCHANTS.

LONDON, Nov. 9. The Times states that a private meeting of Australian merchants in the City yesterday decided to act in conjunction with the 'Association to Protest against the Duplication of the Income Tax within the Empire' in convening a meeting to submit the matter of Mr. McKenna.

MISSING BREACH BLOCKS.

RETURN DEMANDED BY ALLIES. ATHENS, Nov. 9. The Allies have demanded the return of missing breach blocks of the guns of the Greek Bofors.

GREEK DULICITY.

COALING THE "GOEBEN" AND "BRESLAU". ATHENS, Nov. 9. The Patria publishes part of the correspondence seized by the Allies in the house of the Germanist Deputy, M. Kallimachis, ex-Chairman of the Harbour Commission, who is believed to have coaled the Goeben and Breslau, enabling these warships to reach the Dardanelles. The correspondence shows that he acted in direct communication with the German Consul-General.

M. Kallimachis protests that the documents are forgeries.

ENEMY FEERS.

LONDON, Oct. 9. In the House of Commons, in reply to Mr. Lynch, Mr. Asquith stated that a Bill dealing with enemy Feers would shortly be introduced in the House of Lords.

FOOD PRICES AT HOME.

LONDON, Nov. 9. In the House of Commons, in reply to Mr. Lansdale-Ross, Mr. Handman stated that he hoped to introduce a Bill dealing with food prices next week.

FRANCO-ITALIAN AIR ATTACK.

ROME, Nov. 9. A naval communiqué states that Italian French air squadrons effectively bombed an aerodrome at Palermo and military ships anchored at Citta' di Marsala.

THE AMERICAN ELECTION.

THE POSITION ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9. 9.45 p.m.

Later returns support the view that the issue of the Presidency is still doubtful owing to a pro-Wilson drift in anti-slavery pro-Hughes areas. The most recent figures give Wilson 248 and Hughes 243, while 40 returns not yet received are doubtful.

A message to the New York World claims Wilson to be re-elected.

POSITION UNPRECEDENTED.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9. 9.40 a.m.

The position is constantly shifting. Leaders of both National Committees claim election for their respective candidates. The morning papers were unanimous in announcing victory for Hughes, but special editions threw doubt on the result. The voting is so close, especially in the Western States, that recounts are possible, hence the official announcement is probably delayed.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE.

12.15 a.m. The Democratic National Chairman has telegraphed to every State and County Democratic Chairman, saying:—"Wilson re-elected. Our opponents desperate. You must personally see ballot boxes guarded and the count perfected, and leave nothing undone to safeguard the victory."

TEARS OF JOY.

The Republicans are rejoicing in victory. On Tuesday at midnight Mrs. Hughes, at the Republican Headquarters, threw her arms round her husband's neck and kissed him, exclaiming:—"You are President of the United States!" weeping like a girl. The candidate's three girls were almost hysterical. The situation in the West is now such that the result may be decided by the vote in California and Minnesota, where Wilson and Hughes are running a neck to neck race.

FIRST WOMAN MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9. The first woman member of Congress, Mrs. Jeannette Rankins, has been elected at Montana as an Independent.

THE CHINESE POST OFFICE IN KWANGTUNG.

PROVINCE WELL-DEVELOPED POSTALLY.

LITTLE SCOPE FOR FURTHER EXTENSION.

The following information relating to Kwangtung is taken from the Report on the Working of the Chinese Post Office for the Fourth Year of Chung-hua Min-kuo (1915) issued by the Ministry of Communication.

From the results of the first six months the year promised to be one of unusual prosperity. In July, however, the province was visited by one of the greatest calamities known to modern times. Early in the month, the North, East, and West Rivers began to rise simultaneously. Then the enormous flow of water to accumulate in the North River, where the banks, unable longer to bear the strain, burst. They gave way south of Taichung and the water gave in great volumes in a south-easterly direction towards Canton, sweeping out of existence every farmstead and village in its track. On reaching the western suburbs of the city it devastated them in a few hours. The entire city was flooded to a depth of from four to twenty feet. The island of Shamen, the foreign residential section, was flooded to a depth of from three to five feet, every house having two or three feet of water in the lower portion. In all towns adjacent to the North, East, and West Rivers the water covered the roofs of the houses, and three quarters of most of the towns were swept away. The loss of life is estimated at not less than thirty thousand. The greatest distress followed the catastrophes. To add to the misery in Canton a tremendous fire broke out during the flood, and burned for three days, gutting a huge area of the city. As the Head Office as well as Sub-Offices was in danger, all mails and postal property had to be saved. After the greatest difficulty everything was removed to places of safety. Much credit is due to the staff, who, one and all, worked ten hours a day for seven days in three, to save the water. The water was actually the overflow of sewage drains, and at every corner its odour was stopped by floating corpses and masses of pigs, rats, and other pests. It speaks well for all concerned that not a single postal loss had to be recorded although floating was "rife" throughout the city.

The staff actually slept at their posts, living on what could be had from travelling hucksters. Accidents did happen in transporting property, etc., from place to place. For example, men falling in the water with a load of mail, but the damage was very slight, and such an accident could be remedied, being mainly confined to sorting boxes and cables which were used as rafts.

As locomotion was cut off the communication, the delivery of mails in the city was suspended entirely for several days and could only be resumed gradually. Land communication was also interrupted, as no boats were able to stem the raging torrents, and all land lines were inundated. Even ocean-going steamers could not visit Canton for about a week.

Kwangtung is already well developed postally and there is little scope for extension. Only two Agencies and a few Box-Offices were opened during the year. Considering the floods and the general stagnation in trade which followed, the operations must be considered quite satisfactory. The number of articles received for delivery in the district amounted to 5,384,000, against 28,500,000, the decrease being confined to ordinary letters. Articles of mail matter posted total 25,900,000. This is only 600,500 less than last year. Registers despatched actually increased from 885,000 to 641,000. Although the despatch of parcels was suspended for nearly six weeks on account of the floods, the parcels handled exceeded that of last year. Parcels for delivery in the district amounted to 144,000 against 81,000, while parcels posted rose from 78,000 to 190,000. The increased postage on the latter together with the increased registration fees brought about quite a substantial improvement in the district receipts.

The activity of Inspectors was concentrated on actions which required reorganisation, especially after the floods. There were 21 cases of highway robbery and piracy resulting in loss of mails and postal property. In other 15 cases outlaws were held up and robbed of personal belongings, but no mails were taken. Three Agencies were looted and minor losses sustained. 621-11 were added to the foot courier lines and 602 to steamer and boat lines. The Kwang-Yow-Kongmoon Railway line was completed and the new portion opened to traffic, the whole line being 220 li in length. Considerable trouble was expected regarding the arrangements for the carriage of mails on this line, but an amicable settlement has been finally reached. The Canton-Hankow Railway was extended to Shichow, thus increasing 150 miles of the line. At the same time, the railway was extended to the south, the whole line being 220 li in length. 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SHANGHAI via SWATOW & FOCHOOW	WINGSANG	SUNDAY, Nov. 12, Daylight.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	LOKSANG	TUESDAY, Nov. 14, at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	ONSANG	WEDNESDAY, Nov. 16, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	KWONGSANG	FRIDAY, Nov. 17, Daylight.
HAIPHONG	TAKSANG	SATURDAY, Nov. 18, Daylight.
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Hongkong, Nov. 3, 1916.

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